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SUB: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO PAKISTAN MAY 3-5

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1. GOP HAS FORMALLY APPROVED NWC VISIT AND APPOINTED AS LIAISON OFFICER MAJ. RASHID KHAN IN JOINT CHIEF' S SECRETARIAT AT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.
 2. MAJ RASHID TOLD PROJECT OFFICER GRIFFIN APRIL 5 THAT HE HAD FORWARDED TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES REQUESTS FOR NWC GROUP TO CALL UPON CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF GENERAL TIKKA KHAN, SECRETARY- GENERAL OF DEFENSE GHIAS UDDIN AHMED AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AZIZ AHMED (IN THAT ORDER) MORNING OF MAY 4, BEGINNING AT 0800. RASHID EXPECTED REQUESTS TO BE GRANTED IN NEXT TEN DAYS. HE SAID HE HAD ALSO FORWARDED REQUEST FOR GROUP TO CALL UPON PRESIDENT BHUTTO BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR PRESIDENT TO SEE THEM, AND NOTED THAT EVEN IF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT COULD BE ARRANGED, NOTIFICATION MIGHT COME AT LAST MINUTE.
 3. IN DISCUSSING OTHER POSSIBILITIES ASIDE FROM THOSE MENTIONED IN DRAFT PROGRAM COMPILED BY EMBASSY (SEE GRIFFIN- ZURAWSKI LETTER DATED MARCH 20). SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE THAT GROUP MIGHT PAY BRIEF SOCIAL VISIT
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(TEA) TO PAKISTAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE, LOCATED JUST BEHIND INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN RAWALPINDI. (FYI: DEFENSE COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE COLONEL/ BRIGADIER RANK AND ARE ENGAGED IN STUDIES SIMILAR TO THOSE AT NWC. AT MOMENT STUDENTS ARE ON FIELD TRIP, BUT MAY RETURN PRIOR NWC VISIT. EMBASSY AND DAO BELIEVE BRIEF SOCIAL VISIT TO DEFENSE COLLEGE COULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH VALUABLE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP. GOP PLANS NO OTHER SOCIAL EVENTS FOR GROUP.) REQUEST NWC APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE.

4. MAJ. RASHID CONFIRMED THAT NO CEREMONIES OR HONORS WOULD BE SCHEDULED DURING VISIT, BUT SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT MEMBERS OF NWC GROUP WORE UNIFORMS ON CALLS DURING PREVIOUS VISIT (THEY DID NOT). GRIFFIN SAID HE BELIEVED THAT ONLY COLONEL EATON AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF EACH SERVICE WOULD HAVE UNIFORMS WITH THEM AND THAT, IF PAKISTANIS WISHED, THEY WOULD WEAR UNIFORMS DURING CALLS.

5. MAJ. RASHID REQUESTED BIODATA (WITH PHOTOS) FOR EACH OFFICER IN STUDY GROUP, AS WAS PROVIDED LAST YEAR. PLEASE POUCH ASAP TO GRIFFIN EIGHT COPIES BIODATA FOR EACH MEMBER OF GROUP.

6. NEED INFO AS TO HOW MANY PERSONS WISH TO TAKE EITHER OPTIONAL TRIP TO MURREE OR TAXILA. SOBER

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